

## **PROPOSAL F2003-25**

### **Existing regulation: Southeast Alaska Area - Steelhead Trout**

*§\_\_\_\_.27(i)(13)(iv ) You may take steelhead trout on Prince of Wales Island only under the terms of a Federal subsistence fishing permit. The annual harvest limit is two fish, 36 inches or larger. You may use only a dip net or rod and reel with artificial lure or fly. You may not use bait.*

### **Proposed regulation: Southeast Alaska Area - Steelhead Trout**

*§\_\_\_\_.27(i)(13)(iv ) You may take steelhead trout on Prince of Wales Island only under the terms of a Federal subsistence fishing permit. The harvest limit is **one fish per week per household during the period of November 1 through April 30.** ~~36 inches or larger.~~ You may use ~~only~~ a dip net, ~~or~~ rod and reel with artificial lure or fly, **or spear.** ~~You~~ may not use bait.*

**Reason for changing the regulation:** The existing regulation does not allow the customary and traditional harvest of steelhead trout. Customary and traditional users normally harvest what they need in a way which is efficient both in harvest method and time spent harvesting the resource. Having to follow the current sport fishing size restriction does not allow the user to obtain the resource in a customary and traditional means.

**Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations:** This could increase the harvest of steelhead trout during the months of November through April.

**Effect of change on subsistence users:** The proposal would benefit Federally qualified subsistence users by allowing opportunity to harvest steelhead trout.

### **Additional Information:**

**Proposed by:** Craig Community Association, Craig